areas could be put into operation with effect from 1.1.1992.

[*Translation*]

Anomaly Regarding Retirement Age in B.S.F.

2774. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference in the retirement age of commandant and gazetted officers of lower and upper ranks in the Border Security Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to remove this anomaly ; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Officers of the rank of Commandant and below in the Border Security Force superannuate at the age of 55 years. Officers of the rank of higher than that of Commandant superannuate at the age of 58 years.

(b) to (d). These provisions have been made due to operational requirements. Therefore, there is no anomaly and there is no proposal to revise the same.

[*English*]

Marine Communication Service

2775. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Marine Communication net is not upto International standard as a result there is considerable loss of foreign exchange;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no VHF net-work along the coast and the radio facility are rather tardy ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The Indian Marine Communications network is working according to World Administrative Radio Conference 87 recommendations. Total revenue earned through Coastal Wireless Stations during 90-91 was Rs. 22,72,364/-.

(b) VHF radio facilities are available at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Cochin & Vizag Cost Radio Stations and are working satisfactorily.

(c) Does not arise.

Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore

2776. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore in Karnataka; and

(b) the time by which the plant is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The National

Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has proposed setting up of Mangalore Suoer Thermal Power Project (2 x210 MW) at Nandikur in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka. The Associated Transmission System proposed with the project comprises:

(i) Mangalore Hassan 400 KV double circuit line -160kms.

(ii) Mangalore-Marcada 220 KV double circuit line-35kms.

(iii) Provision for Loop-in-Loop-Out of the existing Shimoga-Mysore 220 KV double circuit line of Karnataka Electricity Board at Hassan Sub-Station.

The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1258.41 crores at 3rd quarter 1991 price level. The project requires clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests from environmental/forest angle with specific reference to major issues like Fly Ash Utilisation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan and Ash Disposal Plan.

(b) The schedule of commissioning date for Unit-I of the project is 48 months after placement of order for main plant equipment.

[Translation]

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges in U.P.

2777. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:

Will the Minsiter of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places and the total number of telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of automatic/electronic exchange out of them, district wise; and

(c) the details of telephone exchanges likely to be converted into electronic exchanges during the next financial year, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is being collected and would be placed on the table of the House.

(b) the details are given the attached Statement.

(c) The information is being collected and would be placed on table of the House.

STATEMENT

District-wise summary of Telephone Exchanges of U.P. Telecom Circle as on 30.9.91.

Sl.No.	*Name of Distt.*	*Electronic*	*SXS & X-Bar*
1.	Agra & Ferozabad	4	19
2.	Aligarh	6	33
3.	Allahabad	17	6
4.	Almora	10	17
5.	Azamgarh	6	23
6.	Bahraich	8	15